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## Arafat pleased with talks

KUWAIT, March 10, (R). — Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat said here today that his two days of talks with Kuwaiti leaders had been constructive and successful.

Mr. Arafat was told yesterday by the Emir and by the Crown Prince and Prime Minister, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed, that Kuwait continued to support the PLO's efforts to set up a Palestinian State.

## League, OUA to meet

March 10, (AFP). — A meeting at minister level of the Arab League and on Afro-Arab cooperation will be held in the third week of April in Dakar, Senegal. Middle East News Agency reported the conference, scheduled to discuss Arab cooperation for black Africa was to have been held on March 22.

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RETS. — His Majesty King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Ayla are greeted by Emperor Hirohito as the King and Queen arrived at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo to attend a state banquet in their honour. (AP wirephoto).

## Hussein starts 6-day Japanese visit

10, (Agencies). Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako today gave a state visit and banquet for King Hussein and Queen Ayla in the moated imperial palace in the heart of Tokyo. The King today also received Mr. Miki and the Governor of Tokyo, Mr. Ryokichi Minobe. Foreign Ministry officials said King Hussein and Prime Minister Miki were expected to discuss economic and technical cooperation, trade and cultural exchanges as well as international problems when they meet tomorrow and Monday.

The King and the Emperor today exchanged the highest medals of their respective countries. The King will have official state visit and ceremony tomorrow and today. Also scheduled to be given tomorrow is a powerful economic Federation of Nations, Keio.

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## Rabin, leaders attack U.S. plane sale to Egypt

JERUSALEM, March 10, (Agencies). — Israel and the United States are engaged in a bitter debate over American arms sales to Egypt and other Arab countries, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told the Knesset (parliament) here today.

But he assured members: "Israel is powerful enough not to be intimidated unduly by this new influx of arms into the camps of its enemies."

The row between the U.S. administration and the Israeli government blew up last week when it became clear the United States was going ahead with the sale of six military transport planes to Egypt, with the possibility of other supplies later.

Mr Rabin, who was replying to opposition demands for a debate on the subject said it would be disastrous if the U.S. started supplying weapons to Egypt.

This was a matter of principle (Continued on page 6)

## Lebanese army commander declares general amnesty for deserters But threatens action if unheeded

BEIRUT, March 10, (R). — Army Commander General Hanna Sa'id, speaking after a wave of army mutinies in Lebanon, tonight declared a general amnesty for deserters.

The General appealed on national television for a united army — "the army of the future Lebanon."

Before declaring the amnesty, the general recommended that the government put "an immediate and radical end to the current events."

Political sources interpreted his call on the government as a stiff warning that if the recommendation were not acted upon the army might itself move.

There are no precise figures for the number of soldiers now in a state of mutiny. But available statistics suggest an approximate figure of 1,000 mutineers out of an army of 15,000.

The call came in a letter to the government written by General Sa'id, a military spokesman said.

The letter was made public at the end of a day in which deserters took over three barracks, two near the Israeli frontier and one in the northern port of Tripoli.

Clashes between mutineers and loyal troops were also reported near Rayak officer training base, in eastern Lebanon, near Tripoli, and at several points along the Beirut-Tyre coastal highway.

Lieutenant Ahmed Al-Khatib, leader of the rebel "Lebanese Arab Army," told Reuter that two soldiers, one on each side, were killed in the clash near Rayak.

He said officers at the base, which is in government hands, were collecting the weapons of "progressive" soldiers there.

Deserters loyal to Lieutenant Khatib tonight controlled two barracks and an artillery battery close to the Israeli border.

The latest to come under their control was the garrison at Marjeyoun, eight kilometres from the frontier.

Prime Minister Rashid Karami said today that the spreading mutinies threatened the army with disintegration which could lead to Lebanon's partition.

Today President Suleiman Franjeh discussed the crisis with Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel-Halim Khaddam, whose mediation led to the January 22 ceasefire between the political factions which fought the civil war.

There was a brief clash at the Marjeyoun barracks but no casualties. Some officers took refuge in the nearby village of Qehya while others declared for Lieutenant Khatib.

Informed sources said troops at Kubbeh, in Tripoli, took over their barracks today and declared themselves neutral in the dispute between the rebels and the government.

The army High Command was in constant session awaiting developments, and the mutinies were the main topic at today's weekly cabinet meeting.

The army was only marginally involved in security during the civil war, but deep scars the conflict left on the country are now tearing at its soldiers.

There was a new wave of kidnappings in Beirut today. Political factions abducted passers-by of the opposite faith as hostages against the safe return of those seized by the other side.

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TALKS FOR SOLIDARITY. — Mutineer Lebanese army officer Lt. Ahmad Khatib (left) with leftist Moslem Nasserite leader Ibrahim Kulailat confer in Rashaya, Lebanon Tuesday at a military post. (AP wirephoto).

## Nablus student injured in continued West Bank action

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Mar. 10, (Agencies, JT). — An Arab student was wounded in the leg today when an Israeli soldier opened fire on a demonstration by students in Nablus, on the occupied West Bank.

The students were protesting for the fourth successive day against the invasion by Israeli troops of a Nablus high school last Sunday to break up a pro-Palestinian demonstration.

Students also demonstrated today in Jenin and Tulkaram, where a bomb blew apart a recently opened stretch of road.

The demonstrations are part of a continuing wave of demonstrations against attempts by militant Israelis to pray in the Al Haram Al Kudsi sector of Jerusalem, and against repeated attempts by some Jewish groups to establish more settlements in Israeli-occupied Arab lands on the West Bank.

Officials at the Bir Zeit teacher training college near Ramallah said Israeli soldiers today burst into a hostel and injured students taking part in a peaceful demonstration.

They said about 20 soldiers forced their way in, brandishing clubs. Thirteen students were taken to hospital, two with head injuries, and five were detained.

The Arab Mayor of Nablus also resigned today amid continuing unrest in the occupied West Bank.

Reliable Arab sources said Mayor Mazbous Al-Masri tendered his resignation to the military governor shortly after returning from Egypt.

His deputy and administration resigned on Sunday.

The town was brought to a standstill by a strike of Arab businesses and schools after the arrest of 10 high school students during the demonstration, Sunday.

Most shops were still closed today and students stayed away from classes.

In a related development in



TOKYO CHAT. — His Majesty King Hussein talks with Japanese Prime Minister Miki during his visit to the prime minister's official residence in Tokyo Wednesday. (AP wirephoto).

## Ford, Carter clear winners in Florida primary election

WASHINGTON, March 10 (R). — President Ford today appeared to have almost eliminated Ronald Reagan as a serious challenger for the Republican presidential nomination with his primary election victory in Florida.

Mr. Reagan, the former Governor of California and film star, has pledged to remain in the race. But his defeat in Florida yesterday — his fourth in as many primaries — has convinced most political observers that his chances of upsetting the president have virtually evaporated. Mr. Ford won the Florida election by 53 per cent to 47 per cent of the vote.

Some observers in Florida said Mr. Ford might suggest to Mr. Reagan that he abandon his campaign and become the Republican candidate for the vice-presidency.

Among the Democrats, former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter dealt Alabama Governor George Wallace one of the most severe defeats of his long and controversial political career by taking 35 per cent of the vote. Mr. Wallace trailed

with 32 per cent with Senator Henry Jackson of Washington third with 22 per cent.

Mr. Carter, a multi-millionaire businessman and peanut farmer, who has come from nowhere in a few months, has now regained his status as leader of the crowded Democratic field of candidates by winning three of the four contested primary elections.

He has demonstrated that he can beat Mr. Wallace on the governor's favourite southern political battleground.

Mr. Carter has already provided evidence that he is taking from Mr. Wallace the support of many of his old blue-collar worker constituents. The former Georgia Governor still faces a serious challenge from Senator Jackson, who is expected to win the important New York primary on April 6.

The leading liberal Democrat, Representative Morris Udall of Arizona, did not contest Florida and is concentrating his effort on the Wisconsin primary, scheduled for the same day as New York's election.

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## Signs in Florida

The victories in the Florida primary elections of Republican Gerald Ford and Democrat Jimmy Carter are as clear a sign as there has been recently that the American people are rejecting some of the more abrasive, rigid and extreme political tendencies that were ushered into the U.S. political and social scene by the anti-war movement starting in 1966. The defeat of Reagan by Ford and of Wallace and Jackson by Carter is surely a sign of moderation.

One leaves it for the political pundits in the United States to make their analyses of the voting so far. What is clear, however, is that many Democrats are pleased with the look and manner of Jimmy Carter, and his successes to date may be enough to build the momentum he needs to clinch the Democratic Party's presidential nomination this summer.

He has emerged onto the scene in much the same manner that George McGovern did in 1972, quietly, with much hard work on the local level and with some early primary wins. McGovern went on to register a colossal defeat at the hands of Richard Nixon, mainly because McGovern was a bit too far left for the liking of the national electorate.

Carter is not in the same position. He is more of a classic middle-of-the-road moderate, with a personal style that is apparently the rage of the nation. The next thing to happen if Carter maintains his momentum will be an end to all the talk about Hubert Humphrey being available as the Democratic candidate. The Humphrey candidacy has not been a sign of his strength, but rather a reflection of the non-prominence of any other Democratic candidate. The emergence of Carter, or any declared candidate, will send Humphrey back into the shadows, which is probably a good thing all around.

The Ford and Carter wins in Florida are signs on a post-Vietnam and post-Watergate political era in the United States insofar as they come at the expense of people like Reagan, Wallace and Jackson, who have been archetypal stars of the past heated decade in American politics. If less acerbic people in the Ford-Carter mold are the choice of the American people, this is probably a positive twist in the life of the nation, and something for Americans to be pleased with on their nation's 200th birthday.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Al Ra'i Wednesday said that in his speech Monday, President Assad of Syria raised a number of stances, which go beyond the differences created over the Sinai agreement, and which reflect on the nature of the coming stage and on the issue of solidarity among the Arabs in particular. Solidarity among the Arabs, as envisaged by Syria and by many Arabs, is not an act of obtaining unanimous Arab consent on the minimum Arab strategy, so long as there is the possibility of securing maximum unanimity, the paper said.

Again, the paper says, the desired Arab solidarity is the one which is capable of melting the errors rather than preserving them, and capable, as well, of mending pitfalls rather than justifying them.

"We demand a powerful solidarity that can confront foreign designs and desires instead of letting them pass through," concluded Al Rai.

Al Shaab said that in his comprehensive speech Monday, the Syrian President presented an account on the prospects of the present stage, which is considered a serious turning point in the Arab march.

"President Assad referred to the size of Syria in his explanation of Syria's attitudes. It is not Syria's small size or numbers that determines its importance, as long as Arab solidarity is capable of backing it in times of need. Any harm done to Syria within this solidarity will be a stab directed at every Arab country, irrespective of its size."

Referring to Assad's favourable remarks about Jordan, Al Shaab said the President has defended Jordan's stand against attacks about the summoning of the Jordanian parliament. The paper went on, Jordan, in its stand by its Arab brothers for the restoration of the occupied areas, including Jerusalem, did not

violate the Rabat summit resolutions, and is still committed to them by refusing to sign partial agreements. The determination to continue the march, under the banner of the liberation of Palestine, as pledged by President Assad, deepens faith in Syria, which has dealt honourably and sincerely with all the Arabs; hence it is Syria's right to ask the Arabs to treat her in the same way," the paper said.

Al Nahar of Beirut depicted an ominous picture of the prevailing conditions in Lebanon. "What is happening now in the Lebanese barracks? Is it a military war? Is the army divided upon itself as were the civilians some time ago?" the newspaper asked.

It went on: "People hear whispers like those they heard before the war of the civilians. People are ready to believe any hearsay. Anyhow, there is something cooking in the barracks, among the soldiers."

The paper added: "It was generally believed that the 'civilian' contagious disease will not spread to the barracks which are regarded as more disciplined, symptoms to the country have been detected," the paper lamented.

Al Ahram of Cairo availed itself on the seventh anniversary of the death of the famous Egyptian General Abdul Mun'im Riadh by an Israeli sniper at the Suez Canal front to emphasise that "Egypt will never surrender to the defeat of 1967."

"Egypt," the paper continued, "has stood steadfast, and sacrificed its top-ranking military commanders in the battles of resistance, and later in the October War. It will not rest until it recovers every span of its territory, until the Arab nation regains its rights completely and the people of Palestine restore their national, legitimate rights in their homeland," Al Ahram pledged.



**SALUTE THE FLAG.** — His Majesty King Hussein and Her Majesty Queen Alya along with Japanese Emperor Hirohito and Empress Nagako stand at attention during the playing of the national anthems in the arrival ceremony at the State Guest House in Tokyo Wednesday at the start of a weeklong state visit to Japan. (AP wirephoto).

## Regulations planned for standards & measurements

AMMAN. — Jordan will participate in the 8 day meetings of the Arab Organisation on Standards and Measurements to be held in Cairo on March 28.

The conferees, sources at the Ministry of Industry and Commerce said Wednesday, will discuss generalising standards and measurements used internationally in the production of foodstuff to improve local production and to protect the consumer from bad quality merchandise.

In the meantime, the Ministry of Industry and Commerce is preparing several regulations on standards and measurements required for certain nutritive and industrial products such as salt, pastries of all kinds and bricks. These regulations will specify the quality of the raw materials to be used in the local production to maintain the international standard of local productions.

## Alia attends tourist travel conference in W. Berlin

AMMAN. Jordan, represented by the Director of Tourism in Aila (the Royal Jordanian Airlines), Mohammed Kurdi, participated in the 10th International Conference on Tourism which was held in West Berlin between February 27 and March 7.

The conference, attended by representatives of 90 countries, organised seminars to discuss the World tourist and travel industry, Mr Kurdi said on his return here Tuesday. Parallel to the conference, an exhibition to promote tourism was held and Alia did its best to promote Jordan as a tourist country.

Mr Kurdi also held sidetalks with various representatives of West German tourist and travel companies to increase the inflow of German tourists to Jordan.

The deposits and reserves of the Bank to not include pounds sterling except for the day-to-day normal deposits in that currency, the sources concluded.

## ROC commercial delegates arrive here

AMMAN. — A commercial delegation from the Republic of China arrives here today for a five-day visit to hold talks with officials from the public and private sectors on expanding trade exchange between the two countries.

## U of J attends Bombay microbiology meet

AMMAN. — Dr. Mohammad Al Laythi, professor at the Faculty of Sciences at the University of Jordan, left Wednesday for Bombay to represent the University at the week long conference on microbiology to be held there.

The conference organised by UNESCO will discuss micro-organisms and their effect on agricultural and industrial production.

## Jordan to participate in economic seminar in Kuwait

AMMAN. — Jordan, represented by Dr. Oussama Al Ezeib, Secretary General of the Jordanian Economists Society, will participate in the 10-day economic seminar to be held in Kuwait on April 27. The seminar which will carry the slogan "the International New Economic System and the Arab World" will discuss the economic relations between third world countries and industrialised ones in the light of the changes which occurred during the past decade in the monetary, financial and development fields.

The emergence of powerful economic entities in the area,

## Prince Hassan bestows medals on Teachers'

AMMAN. — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Highness will, during sponsors Thursday a ceremony at the Palace of Culture at Al Hussein Youth City on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

## Arab world rural electric conference set for Baghdad

CAIRO. — The meetings of the second Arab conference for countryside electrification in the Arab world will be held Tuesday in Baghdad.

The main subject to be discussed will be the establishment of an Arab Bank to specialise in financing countryside electrification projects throughout the Arab world.

## Cypriot air team arrives Saturday

AMMAN. — A Cypriot delegation including high ranking officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Communication, Civil Aviation and Cypriot Airlines will arrive here Saturday for a visit of several days to hold talks on consolidating cooperation between the two countries in various fields.

It is expected that an air transport agreement will be signed between the two countries during the visit, Civil Aviation sources said. The agreement will organise transport of passengers and cargo between Jordan and Cyprus.

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7.45 Morning melodies
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13.00 News Summary
13.03 Pop session (part II)
14.00 News Bulletin
14.10 Radio magazine
14.30 Play of the week
15.00 Classical Music
15.30 Light Instrumentals
16.00 Old Favourites
16.30 Easy listening
17.00 Studio one
18.00 News Summary
18.05 Listener's choice
18.30 Principal foods
19.00 News Bulletin
19.10 News reports
19.30 Sign off.

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Bananas 120—190	Peas 160—210
Cabbage 40—70	Spinach 70—100
Cauliflower (Large, each) 400	String Beans 200—25
Cauliflower (Medium, each) 300	Tangerines 50—100
Cauliflower (Small, each) 200	Tomatoes 65—85
Carrots (Yellow) 40—60	Turnips 120—160
Cucumbers (Large) 120—160	
Cucumbers (Small) 200—240	
Eggplant 110—150	
Grapefruit 40—65	
Green walnut 440	
Garlic 60—90	
Lettuce (Large) 50—80	
Lemon 60—100	
Hot pepper 300—500	
Horse beans 120—160	
Marrow (Small) 120—160	
Marrow (Large) 80—100	
Oranges (French) 50—100	
Oranges (Local) 80—120	
Onions 200—260	

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# Hassan on Teal of Laos said outside of Pathet Lao

March 10, (AFP). — people covering of Laos are living under the authority of the Vientiane government here from Laos.

at in the north, mountain tribesmen of the entire region between the capital of Luang Prabang and Vientiane.

ue issued by an organisation, People's Revolutionary Front, said that the Pathet Lao pulled out of positions to re-occupy Vientiane, 90 kms from the capital and that they practically en-

s said there were no clashes on the front of the capital.

len-Muong Kassi said access to the highway leads towards the capital.

**POW training too for one marine**

March 11 (AFP). — Finally, when his pain became insufferable, he was admitted to a Naval hospital at Balboa, where he was considered mentally ill and given little attention.

Desperate, and still in pain, Lt. Young took his case to California Senator Alan Cranston, who set off legal procedure that has now taken the matter up to the Supreme Court.

Lt. Young is asking for 15 million dollars damages against the government, and, at the same time, the Senate Armed Services Commission is to hold an inquiry.

**EEC president to start Middle East tour**

BUSSELS, March 10, (R). — Mr. Francois-Xavier Ortoli, President of the Common Market Commission, will meet Premier Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Yigal Allon during a four-day visit to Israel starting on Saturday, a Commission statement said today.

Officials said M. Ortoli was also planning to visit Jordan and Tunisia.

Mr. Ortoli is expected to discuss with Middle East leaders the EEC Mediterranean policy which has already led to trade and aid agreements between the Community and several Arab states, in addition to Israel.

**Hanoi prepares for election festivals**

HONG KONG, March 10, (AFP). — Hanoi is actively preparing to make April 25, day of the general election to a national assembly for a reunified Vietnam, a memorable day after 22 years of division.

Vietnam News Agency today reported activities of Hanoi's cultural services to mark the general election.

New songs and dances have been created for mass performance on this occasion and the cinematographic service will send large teams to various parts of the country to shoot historic scenes of the great day, the agency said.

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DESERTERS. — Lt. Ahmad Khatib (centre, hands in pockets) is shown with a group of his men from "the Lebanese Arab Army" at Rashaya, in Southern Lebanon, Tuesday.

## People's Daily introduces moderating tone in anti-capitalist roaders drive

PEKING, March 10, (AFP). — Chairman Mao Tse-tung in an exceptional departure from precedent today intervened personally in the campaign against Vice-Premier Teng Hsiao-ping by himself writing the title of a page-one editorial in the official communist party newspaper the People's Daily.

This editorial was the second published by the newspaper since the start of the political crisis in China that followed the death of Prime Minister Chou En-lai. It introduced a moderating tone in to the movement.

Almost all observers here interpreted it as having a triple meaning:

- It practically tolled the knell for Mr. Teng's political career,
- It gave the other "capitalist roaders" in the leadership a good chance of receiving remission and pardon,
- It portended a large-scale development — but extremely well directed and tightly controlled — of the current movement.

The headline of the article can be translated, "The People Do Not Agree with Shedding Doubt on the Formal Conclusions of the Cultural Revolution."

The People's Daily also came out in favour of extending and developing the campaign, even on the "unreserved mobilisation of the masses" — but within a context of order and discipline.

The editorial warned against "troubles brewed up by the class enemy" — thus suggesting that such troubles had already occurred since the start of the campaign — and gave the following advice:

- "Do not establish links between units (in other words, form 'liaison groups' with the aim of 'exchanging experiences' as at the beginning of the Cultural Revolution).
- Do not form 'combat teams' (in charge of bringing the movement out into the streets, also as at the start of the Cultural Revolution).

On the contrary, the editorial wrote of the necessity, among other tasks and without forgetting the "class struggle," to "promote production" along with "unity and stability."

He said: "In a general manner, work must be perfected in the various fields including those of agricultural and industrial production."

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## Golda Meir to serve in new "kitchen cabinet"

JERUSALEM, March 10, (Agencies). — The Iron lady of Israeli politics, Mrs Golda Meir, has emerged from retirement to join a new power elite group of policy-makers set up by Israel's Labour party, the senior partner in the inevitable ruling party coalition.

The former prime minister, aged 77 and reported by associates to be as hard, lively and dry-witted as ever, has agreed to serve in a new version of her old "kitchen cabinet."

The group will gather each Friday, two days before the weekly cabinet meeting, and will include leading ministers and representatives of the Jewish agency and the Histadrut (Trade Union Federation).

Formation of the policy co-ordinating group is seen as Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's answer to critics who have accused him in recent months of impulsiveness and unwillingness to consult with colleagues.

It is also seen as a timely move in view of the difficult decisions facing the country, what with U.S. and Arab insistence on a new peace drive to break the current deadlock in the Middle East situation.

Some observers feel that Mrs Meir's presence within the group will no doubt strengthen the hand of the hawk and serve as a valuable prop to Rabin in case he has to say no to the Americans.

On the other side of the coin, Mrs Meir could help take a lot of the weight of responsibility off Rabin's shoulders in case he has to confront the Israeli public with the need for unpopular concessions to the Palestinians.

Mrs Meir's presence will in any case add political weight to the group although Mr Rabin's decision to co-opt her out of retirement is seen in some circles as a sign of his own weakness. Mrs Meir will also rejoin the 40-member party executive.

Mr Rabin has had to weather a storm of criticism in the past half year, both because of his personal style of government, attacks he has made on the defence establishment and press — and also because of what is seen by doves in the administration as a too-rigid stand on negotiations with the Palestinians.

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon, among the most prominent of the doves, did not attend the meeting at Mrs Meir's home — he is visiting Latin America — and according to some newspapers is not included in the policy group.

But Mr Allon's colleagues say he will most certainly be included along with Defence Minister Shimon Peres, Justice Minister Haim Zadok and Minister without Portfolio Yisrael Galili.

Unlike Mrs Meir's old "kitchen cabinet" it will also include prominent figures from outside the government. These are Mr Yosef Almogli, Mayor of Haifa, who was recently appointed Chairman of the Jewish Agency, and Mr Yeruham Meshel, Secretary-General of the powerful Trades Union Federation.

It will also include Mr Meir Zarmi, Secretary General of the Labour Party, who has withdrawn his notice of resignation now that the top-level forum has been established.

Mr Zarmi submitted his resignation complaining of internal rivalries and lack of proper co-ordination between government and the trade unions.

There is also some speculation that former Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, a once highly charismatic figure in Israeli politics who was however discredited by Egypt's surprise crossing of the Suez Canal in 1973 and the subsequent ac-



Golda Meir

cusations of negligence levelled at his ministry, will also be called in. So may former Foreign Minister Abba Eban who views himself as a shadow prime minister, according to the trade union organ, Davar.

Mrs Meir, retired from the Knesset (parliament) when she resigned as prime minister two years ago in the wake of the 1973 war.

Although she has been travelling on behalf of Israel, there had been no hint she wanted to get involved in day-to-day politics again.

According to informed sources the grand old lady of Israeli politics was in good form at the first meeting of the group and made some typically sharp contributions to the discussions.

Mrs Meir, a Russian-born immigrant to the United States who sailed to Palestine in 1921 as an ardent Zionist, is still regarded affectionately and the prime minister may be hoping her political standing will reflect on his administration.

It remains to be seen how much she will influence government thinking. Mrs Meir was known while in office as a tough bargainer, deeply suspicious of accommodations with Israel's Arab neighbours.

In the two years since she quit, sharp differences have emerged in the Israeli establishment on policy towards the Palestinian issue. There are some who feel Israel's earlier implacability towards ceding any of the territories occupied in 1967 was a mistake and may well have been counter-productive.

The moderates, including Mr Allon and his predecessor as foreign minister, Mr Eban, and members of other leftwing and liberal groupings, call for a more open and imaginative approach to Israel's corridors of power.

to Middle East peace moves.

Mr Eban says Israel should be prepared to make sweeping territorial concessions in return for a full peace settlement. Mr Allon is still pushing his plan for returning much of the West Bank as part of a far-reaching settlement.

Members of Mapam, the left-wing faction of the labour alignment, have been arguing that negotiations on the future of the West Bank should be held with Jordan or with "any Palestinian leadership that recognises Israel."

And the coalition's Independent Liberal party has endorsed by 102 votes to 72 a proposal by party leader Moshe Kol, minister for tourism, that Israel should initiate peace moves based on the right of the Palestinians to self-determination.

The government's latest agreed position on peace moves is that the United States should sound out Arab leaders on possibilities of an "end to the state of war" — a concept whose definition is still being argued over here but is seen as something less than full peace and calling for correspondingly fewer territorial concessions by Israel.

This latest diplomatic feeler follows the interim settlement made with Egypt last year under which Israel pulled back in Sinai and comes with the deadline for renewing the United Nations peacekeeping mandate on the Golan Heights, once again approaching.

Indications from Prime Minister Rabin and the defence minister so far are that Israel will make no concessions in return for a Syrian renewal and will accept a U.N. withdrawal from Golan rather than bend to new pressures.

Holding the Government and country together at this time will clearly call for strong leadership by Mr Rabin. The inclusion of Mrs Meir in the new party policy group will strengthen his hand and in the opinion of observers here will boost the hard-liners who oppose any concessions either to Arab leaders or the left-of-centre at home.

Although Mrs Meir's place in the new forum will be formally that of an adviser, her experience of foreign and domestic politics could give the veteran Jewish leader an important access to Israel's corridors of power.



## ILO urges self-reliance for developing countries

GENEVA, March 10 (R). — Developing countries should aim to give their poor people the basic necessities of life by the end of this century, according to a report by International Labour Organisation economists published today.

The report, prepared for an ILO-sponsored conference on employment, argued for the implementation of a "basic needs approach, aiming at the achievement of a certain specific minimum standard of living for all members of the community."

### Gulf Oil resumes payments to Angola

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania, March 10 (AFP). — Gulf Oil today confirmed that it had paid royalties and taxes believed to total \$10 million to the Angolan government.

Payments were made by the company last month under pressure from the government, which was the time backing rivals to the Angolan People's Liberation Movement (MPLA) in the Angolan civil war.

Gulf Oil, whose concessions are in the Angolan enclave of Cabinda, opened a special account for the Angola cash. At the time, it was \$10 million were paid into the account.

In today's announcement, the company also confirmed it was negotiating resumption of its Angolan operations with the Luanda government "under new arrangements."

The U.S. government, which has not recognised the Luanda regime, recently authorised the sale of two Boeing airliners after previously embargoing the transaction.

services such as food and housing, the report said.

The economists predicted that developing countries would face more problems during the rest of the century than they had during the past 30 years.

The difficulties would arise partly because the labour force and population in developing countries, excluding China, would double by the year 2000 and because industrialised countries were unlikely to grow in prosperity as rapidly as in the past.

"Major changes will need to be made to national development strategies and in the international economy if the world employment situation is to be improved within a generation," the report said.

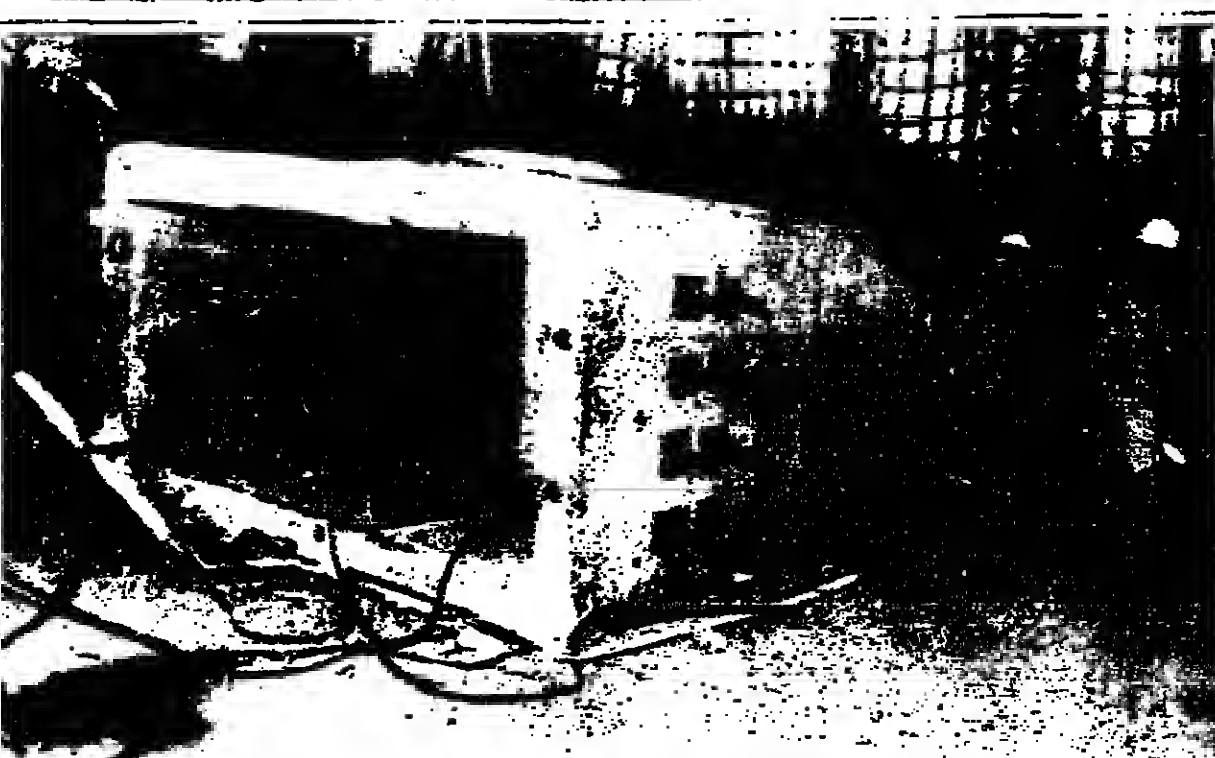
The conference should study national policies as well as changes in the international trade and economic arrangements to help developing countries to meet basic needs, the report added.

### Japan to be second in atomic power generation

TOKYO, March 10 (AFP). — Japan will this year possess the world's second largest atomic power generation capacity, replacing Britain.

Chairman Hiromi Arisawa of the Japan Atomic Industrial Commission made the prediction in his opening speech at the ninth three-day annual conference which opened here today.

Japan already has 10 atomic power plants with a combined generating capacity of 5,020,000 kws, with two more scheduled to start operation by December. The new plants will have capacities of 540,000 kw and 780,000 kw.



FALLING DOWN. — Inspectors look over huge concrete portion of Olympic stadium beam which fell over 100 feet at the Olympic site in Montreal Monday night killing four workers. The men were working inside the unit when cables holding it snapped. (AP wirephoto).

### Australia has 25% of the West's uranium deposits

PERTH, Australia, March 10 (R). — Uranium would give Australia a world energy dominance within 20 years, similar to that enjoyed now by the Arab oil states, Deputy Prime Minister Doug Anthony, said today.

Mr. Anthony, speaking at a news conference here during a two-day tour of western Australia's mining projects, said Australia's uranium resources were far greater than anyone recognised.

Predicting world energy dominance for the country within 20 years, Mr. Anthony said Australia had 25 per cent of the Western world's known uranium deposits and by the year 2,000 at least 50 per cent of world power would be generated from nuclear sources.

"Australia's commanding position in the uranium field is alarming in some respects in that we have the responsibility thrust upon us to develop these deposits sensibly and wisely," he said.

### UAE open 3rd international airport in Ras Al-Khaimah

RAS AL-KHAIMAH, March 10, (R). — A Kuwait Airways Boeing 707 landed here today to mark the official opening of the United Arab Emirates' (UAE) third international airport.

UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan and the ruler of Ras Al-Khaimah, Sheikh Saqr Bin Mohammed Al-Qassimi, were at the airport built 15 miles from this Gulf town at the northern most corner of the federation to welcome the Kuwaiti Boeing.

Kuwait Airways is the only airline which has so far agreed to use this airport with a once weekly flight. There are two other international airports in the UAE at Dubai and Abu Dhabi and a fourth international airport is due to be opened at Sharjah in August.

The airport's civil works were carried out by the Beirut-based Mothercat company and the consultants to the project were Sir William Halcrow and Partners of Britain.

Officials declined to divulge the cost of building the airport but said that it has a 2.5 miles

### EEC Canada to start economic talks

OTTAWA, March 10 (AFP). — Talks on an agreement for economic and trade cooperation between Canada and the European Economic Community (EEC) are to start next Thursday in Brussels, reliable sources said.

The sources said the Thursday session would be an initial contact between representatives of the two parties who will get together later this month for more extensive discussions.

EEC Commission President Francois-Xavier Ortoli said here last month that the planned Canadian-European framework agreement should define goals and establish "mechanisms for development of economic and commercial relations in the two parties' mutual interest," but he added that in no case would such an accord create preferential conditions.

Ottawa officials admit the talks will be difficult, but are optimistic about the possibility of establishing a framework allowing regular consultations, carrying out projects, exchange of technology, stimulation of investments in the Canadian and EEC economies, and joint aid operations for developing nations.

### US pharmaceutical companies admit overseas payments

WASHINGTON, March 10, (AFP). — Three major American pharmaceutical companies have admitted having spent several million dollars in payments, some of them illegal, to foreign officials, it was reported here.

The companies — Merck and Company, Johnson and Johnson and Sterling Drug Inc. — did not name the countries in which the bribes had been made when they made their admissions to Stock Exchange authorities.

Merck admitted having paid out about \$3.5 million to foreign officials and government agencies between 1968 and 1975.

Johnson and Johnson said that seven of their subsidiaries had paid out \$990,000 between 1972 and 1975. Most of these payments were said to have been made in one country.

Sterling Drug said it had made illegal payments of between \$103,000 and \$180,000 a year to minor officials in 19 countries between 1970 and 1975.

### LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market Wednesday was mixed to slightly higher in quiet trading, dealers said.

Government bonds were little changed all day with some short dated loans losing up to 1/4 point. Investors were cautious as sterling declined.

Leading equities were quietly mixed to firmer towards the close, reversing earlier losses in some places to show gains of up to 3p on small buying, dealers added. Some issues were still lower at the close, however. At 1500 the F.T. Index was up 1.9 at 413.3.

Oils continued firm after a slow start while banks were quietly steady.

Mines were marked up at the outset on overnight American interest and the firmness was generally maintained on the slightly higher bullion price.

In oils Shell added a net 8p ahead of figures Thursday while BP firmed 12p in line with the trend.

De Beers lost ground initially despite higher than expected profits but closed 6p higher on balance.

Modest gains were scored by Reed, ICI, Bat, Tubes and Unilever among leaders, while EMI, Courtaulds and Fisons were slightly lower.

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## Simon: U.S. bound to Italy's economic problems

ROME, March 10 (R). — U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon today expressed optimism about Italy's resolve to tackle its economic problems and declared: "We are not going to abandon Italy in her hour of need."

But he told a press conference that if there was no attack on basic structural problems in the Italian economy, assistance would be "throwing money down the drain."

Asked about the possibilities of communist participation in a future Italian government, Mr. Simon noted that President Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger had said this would be viewed with concern and require a reassessment of relations in many areas.

Conceding that austerity policies were bound to be unpopular in the short term, he added that the fastest way to bring the communists into government would be "to continue on the inflationary paths of the past."

"History is littered with the wreckage of governments which failed to deal with inflation," Mr. Simon said.

Massive and irresponsible government spending led inevitably towards national bankruptcy through inflation, "the most cruel and insidious tax of all," he declared.

Mr. Simon arrived in Rome on Sunday at the end of a Middle East tour and spent the last

### SFD extends \$30m loan to Taiwan

TAIPEI, March 10, (R). — The Saudi Fund for Development (SFD) today announced a new loan of \$30 million to finance Taiwan's railway electrification project.

Delegates to the Taiwan-Saudi economic and technical cooperation conference were today reported to have agreed to expand the field of agricultural cooperation after two days of talks here.

Conference sources said Taiwan agreed to help Saudi farmers use small farming machines and help train Saudi farmers on modern farming techniques.

The sources said Saudi delegates also agreed to provide Taiwan with regular supplies of crude oil in exchange for Taiwan cement and sugar.

The Italian lira standing about 11 low its value when the government suspended the official foreign market, suspended Bank quotations for 40 days on the lira and the country's foreign reserves.

Mr. Simon said he believed in massive support to a country under pressure of economic reasons throwing money down the drain he said.

### Zambia re-increase in production

LUSAKA, March 10 (R). — Zambia has no scrapping the 15 back in copper agreed by the Co-Countries' Org. PEC, which was upping ailing copper the international

Zambian Mines Minister Axon said there was no quick back to full production. The ap prices on the London change was due to the not a recovery of the copper price.

Mr. Soko was statement by Minister Enrique who said that the copper produce Zaire, Chile and abolish the agreed cause copper price.

The Zambian Minister said that the views of the minister. People muddled into believing of the price of copper of recovery.

On top of this, the value of the copper which copper is been on the decline an all-time low.

### EEC instruct to raise \$1.

BRUSSELS, March 10 (R). — The European Community (EEC) Deutsche Bank and European Bank of London to 1 million international its \$1,000 million and \$300 million land, the EEC come today.

Finance Minister EEC nations will a terms of the issue meet in Brussels on The issue could take March 22.

The EEC money initially thought of money from oil on Saudi Arabia, for a "unacceptable" in the light of present conditions, EEC sources

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## artist who painted the obscenities of the war

London exhibition of Paul Nash (at the Tate Gallery) as a designer of outstanding paintings and depth of feeling. Born in London in 1889, the son of a barrister, Nash studied art at the Chelsea Polytechnic. When he enrolled at the Slade School of Art in 1910 he began an important friendship

Following their exhibition in Birmingham, Nash was appointed an official war artist at the front.

In this role he produced a large series of drawings and watercolours, and eventually, in 1918-1919, a group of superb paintings, including his first masterpiece, "We are Making a New World."

France and Italy.

Nash and his colleagues virtually revolutionised and broadened British art, making possible the important developments which produced Moore, Hepworth and Nicolson as international artists and opening the way for the great and creative release of narrow national idioms into the mainstream of the modern art.

Between the wars Nash himself worked in varied forms of design and as a painter returned to his deep involvement with nature. It was at this time that he proved himself to be a superb photographer, recording natural objects and formations as an extension of his new involvement with surrealism.

Just as his earlier development had reached its climax in World War I, so in the 1940s he was to produce a second series of masterpieces. In October 1939 he opened the Arts Bureau for War Service, designed to

involve artists in the war effort, and the following year Nash was again appointed an official war artist.

Then he produced a series of paintings which are among the permanent memorials to the Battle of Britain. The finest, "Totes Meer" (1941), which is based on the artist's photographs of a dump of wrecked German aircraft near Oxford, is in the Tate Gallery collection.

Nash outlived the war by barely a year (he died on 11 July 1946), painting large, almost Van Gogh-like landscapes of sunflowers in brilliant light.

He is remembered as a designer of genius, a painter of sensitive refinement, who in two world wars found the inspiration for a group of masterpieces, and who in his unbounding intellectual search for, and belief in, the role of the artist helped to bring a new maturity and purpose to 20th century British art.



"Monin Road," showing the stark ruination of the battle ravaged landscape.

the Tate Gallery as well as attracting the admiration and patronage of the important artist Sir William Rothenstein.

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his work is his use of symbolism, fascinating natural phenomena rock formations, ted or petrified

most remarkable

with the painter Ben Nicolson, as well as attracting the admiration and patronage of the important artist Sir William Rothenstein.

By the outbreak of war in 1914 he was beginning to establish himself, winning praise from the great critic Roger Fry.

But on 10 September 1914 Paul Nash enlisted for home defence and in 1916 became a second-lieutenant in the Hampshire Regiment. He took part in trench warfare at the Ypres Salient, and when invalided home produced his first important series of war pictures.

It was at this period when Nash became established as a leader of the British modern movement, and actively promoted the philosophy of the painter as a functional creator, influenced by the great William Morris, allied to the ideas of the German Bauhaus, the Dutch de Stijl and the Russian Constructivists, who all sought a new role for art in contemporary life.

The exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum magnificently revealed Nash's efforts in this direction, and his genius as a designer in a wide field of endeavour.

The period between the wars saw an increasing influence on British art of foreign ideas, notably from Paris, Nash's visit to France in 1930 was to have a decisive effect; on 12 June 1933 he wrote to "The Times" announcing the formation of "Unit One," a group of painters, sculptors and architects.

Unit one was the first British art movement to take up seriously the new developments in abstraction and surrealism then current in the Netherlands,

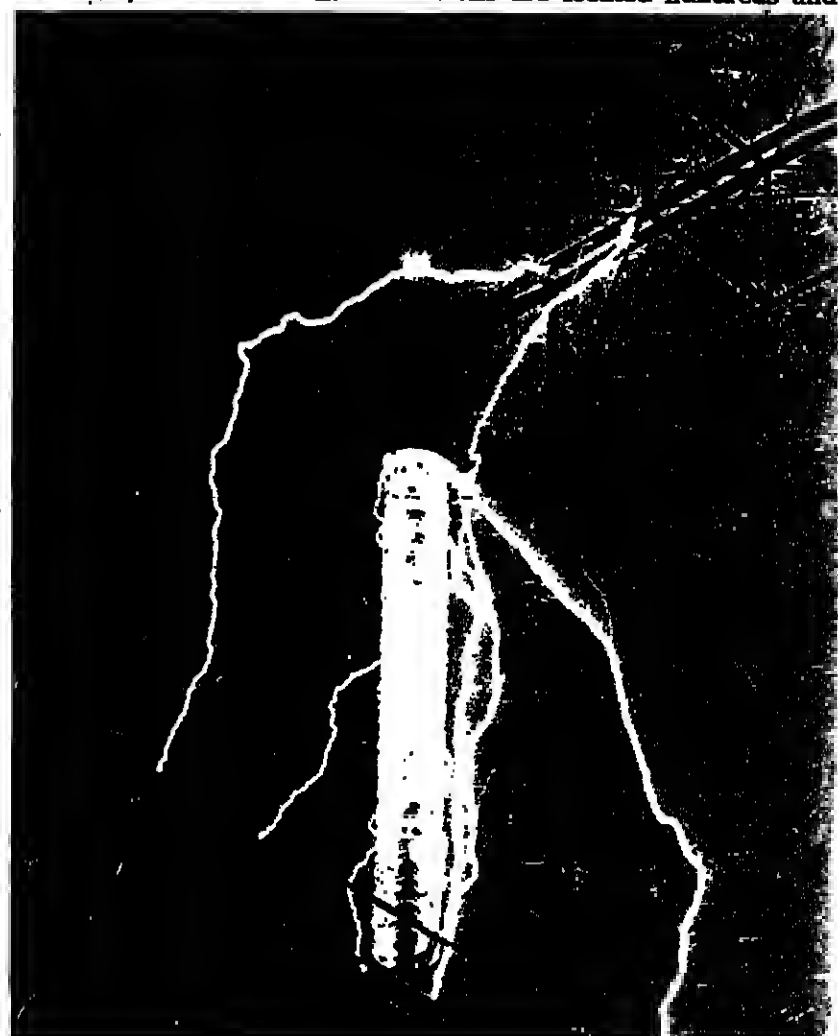
## Superconductors: the future of Soviet power engineering

In 1975, the USSR generated over 1,000 billion kwh of electric energy, and by 1980 its annual production will have exceeded 1,300 billion kwh.

It is important not only to generate energy but also to transmit it over vast distances; many operational power stations are located hundreds and

possible to start designing industrial generators, engines, accumulators and cables making use of superconductivity. The "Guidelines for the Development of the National Economy of the USSR for 1976-1980" envisage accelerated

work on building powerful generators making use of the principles of superconductivity and the manufacture of new electric cable equipment designed to increase voltage and the heat-resistance of the cables themselves.



thousands of kilometres from their main consumers.

However, voltage cannot be infinitely increased: considerable loss of electric energy on transmission lines, amounting sometimes to 15 per cent, is inevitable. The way out is to use special superconducting cables which have practically no resistance.

The work by Soviet physicists Academician Lev Landau, a Nobel Prize winner, and Lenin Prize winner Alexei Abrikosov, in this field has made it

The demand for transmitting energy over vast distances cannot be met by modern means, i.e. by transmission lines and cables. A further increase of voltage entails enormous difficulties: air no longer serves as an insulator and there are breakdowns causing great losses of electricity (as seen in the picture). To avoid this artificial lightning it would be necessary to erect extremely high pylons and suspend a vast number of insulators which is practically impossible. The way out is to use superconductors where losses are brought to a minimum. Although superconductivity of metals at temperatures close to absolute zero was discovered at the turn of the century, only a few years ago hard metals were found that make it possible to produce superconducting cables for power engineering. Many metals and their compounds have already been discovered which work without losses at very low temperatures created by cooling with liquid helium. In the picture: this is how one of the superconducting alloy looks. Powerful solenoids and transformers can be made from it. In weight and volume the solenoid made from this alloy is hundreds of times lighter and smaller than a similar one made from ordinary material.

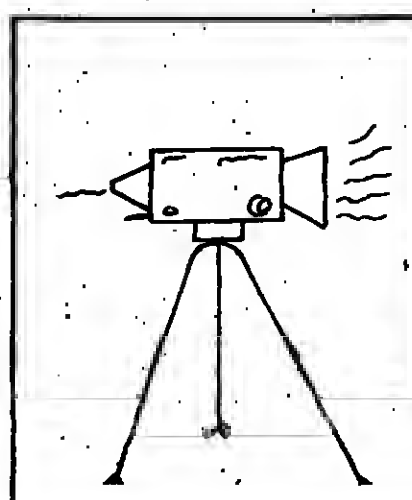
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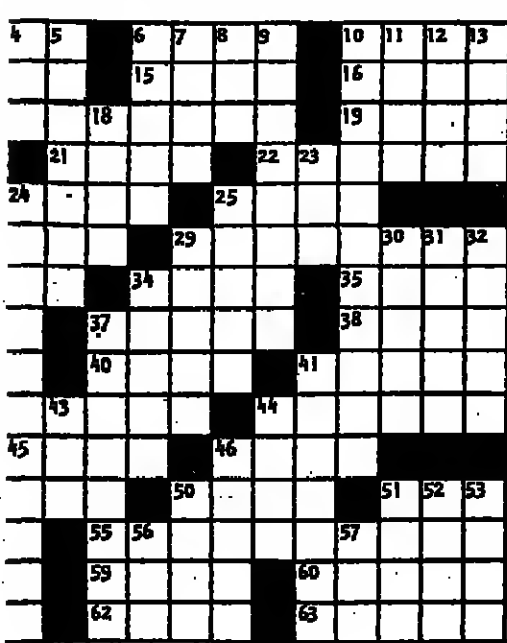
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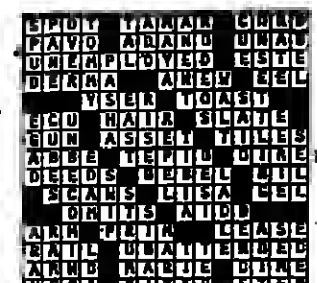


### ACROSS

- 1 Rajah's wives
- 6 Yucatecan
- 10 Malay poison tree
- 14 Occurrence
- 15 Tokyo sashes
- 16 River of ancient history
- 17 "The winter of our"
- 19 Sword
- 20 Concorde
- 21 Female ruffs
- 22 Small idang
- 24 Orient
- 25 Animal fat
- 26 Tiny nosebags
- 29 Jawbone
- 33 Normal writing
- 34 Sell
- 35 Crost
- 36 Yorkshire river
- 37 Samuel S.
- 38 Snapshot: Colloq.
- 39 Murder: 2 wds.
- 40 Raw metals
- 41 Flexible branch
- 42 People of the Bible
- 44 Masters' requirements
- 45 Roman emperor
- 46 Parched
- 47 Skin through books
- 50 Coin machine opening
- 51 Coroner's abbreviation
- 54 Continue wildly on
- 55 Predecessor
- 58 Roman road
- 59 Famous designer
- 60 Valley in Greece
- 61 West and Busch
- 62 Thin board
- 63 Word on a watch

### DOWN

- 1 Communes
- 2 Latin filer
- 3 Cosy spot
- 4 Business abbreviation
- 5 Type of warehouse
- 6 Sacred choral composition
- 7 Lincoln's
- 8 — and Yang
- 9 Amazes
- 10 Not fulfilled
- 11 Engine knock
- 12 To the sheltered side
- 13 Palm reader
- 18 Cape
- 23 Old — (the devil)
- 24 Memle and like
- 25 The — of time
- 26 Sword: Ital.
- 27 Abbot's adjutant
- 28 Pertaining to 57 Down
- 29 Belshazzar words
- 30 Dark spots
- 31 Turning machine
- 32 Bacchanalian cries
- 34 Small passerine bird
- 37 Impassioned people
- 41 Bleaches
- 43 Possessive pronoun
- 44 Paris gardens, for short
- 46 On watch
- 47 Fedora feature
- 48 Pro —
- 49 Molding
- 50 Zeno's lecture hall
- 51 Half: Prefix
- 52 Singles
- 53 Malay negritos
- 56 Zlich
- 57 Moisture



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## Simon: Italy can overcome economic woes

ROME, March 10, (AFP). — U.S. Treasury Secretary William Simon today said he was convinced that Italy was determined to implement austerity policies that would enable the country to overcome its present

## Salt talks deadlock

GENEVA, March 10, (AFP). — Soviet and U.S. negotiators on strategic nuclear weapons held a brief meeting here today as the pace of the deadlocked negotiations seemed to slow.

The two sides met for a mere one hour 40 minutes, in their 152nd session since the second phase of the strategic arms limitation talks (SALT) started in 1972.

The negotiators agreed today to dispense with their customary second meeting of the week, and reconvene next Wednesday.

The United States recently made new proposals concerning the disagreement on whether to limit the number of U.S. "Cruise" low-level missiles and of Soviet "Backfire" nuclear bombing planes.

The new propositions were taken to Moscow by the Soviet Ambassador in Washington, Anatoly Dobrynin when he went to the Soviet Communist Party Congress.

The Soviet reply has probably not been given yet, since the Geneva negotiators apparently were waiting for new instructions, observers believed.

The consensus of observers was that only a meeting between the Soviet and U.S. foreign ministers could thaw out the Geneva talks.

Resumption of the SALT talks on January 28 apparently was merely a political gesture since both capitals had just admitted they were deadlocked.

## Rabin attacks U.S. plane sale

(Continued from page 1) ciple, not just a question of six transport planes, he told Parliament. The United States would be contributing to the arms race in the region instead of acting as a balancing force, he said.

Opposition speakers also strongly criticised the proposed U.S. deal with Egypt. The National Religious Party's Mr. Yehuda Ben-Meir called it a hostile act which endangers Israel's security.

Mr. Haim Landau, of the right-wing Likud said the U.S. administration was pursuing a pro-Arab and anti-Israel policy.

The Trade Union newspaper Davar, in an editorial, said American arms supplies to Egypt and Saudi Arabia would put an end to Israel's hopes of achieving a balance of power in the area following the interim agreement with Egypt.

Israel must mobilize all its friends and supporters in the U.S. to try to thwart the administration's plans, it added.

Replying to a question on reported secret undertakings by the United States as part of the disengagement, Mr. Rabin said Israel retained "complete freedom of action if any Arab country broke an agreement reached with Israel."

The specialist American magazine Foreign Policy reported that Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who negotiated the agreement, promised that Israel would not attack Syria, and that the United States would try to bring about an Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights. He also told President Anwar Sadat of Egypt the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) could take part in Middle East peace talks, according to Foreign Policy.

economic crisis.

Mr. Simon, who reiterated the remark by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger that the United States would consider the possible entry of communists into the Italian government as a matter of "concern", said following talks with Italian leaders that he believed they were resolved to tackle the "basic" problem of inflation.

This was the most important factor, because additional financial aid would otherwise be "ineffective", he told a news conference shortly before leaving for Frankfurt after a three-day visit.

## N.Y. Times: France, G.B. covertly aided FNLA, UNITA

WASHINGTON, Mar. 10, (AFP). — France, Britain and other European countries gave covert assistance to the two movements fighting the Soviet-backed MPLA (Angolan People's Liberation Movement) in the Angolan civil war in the same way as the U.S. did, the New York Times said today, quoting government sources.

The report was promptly denied by the British and French embassies.

French aid, according to the New York Times' sources, was "substantial" although considerably less than the secret U.S. assistance, and almost all went to Holden Roberto's Angolan National Liberation Front (FNLA).

France's alleged contribution was mainly in the form of cash to pay mercenaries and regular forces and to buy light arms and ammunition and was sent

## Lebanese amnesty declared

(Continued from page 1) A spokesman for the right-wing National Liberal Party said its militia had been on a slightly stepped-up alert for several days, but there was no sign yet of gunmen resuming their positions on the civil war front lines.

The main action was inside the armed forces. The air force chief, Colonel George Gharib, today issued an appeal for "a general amnesty for military men except those who have committed murder."

In a statement issued in the name of senior air force officers, he urged the government to take speedy measures to "save the army and the nation."

A manifesto signed by 250 officers up to the rank of major called for the speedy court martialling of all who had broken army regulations.

The document also demanded the expulsion from the armed forces of anyone found to have any political affiliation.

Syrian army Chief of Staff Major-General Hikmat Al-Shehawi arrived in Beirut tonight to join Mr. Khaddam's mediation mission.

A spokesman for the main Nasserite militia — the Mourabitoun — said its forces had been on the alert for some time, as they believed the situation had not returned to normal.

Lieutenant Khatib told journalists that his growing force of supporters, together with their leftist allies, now controlled two-thirds of the country.

Speaking at his headquarters in the Bekaa valley, eastern Lebanon, the bushy-haired lieutenant dismissed the January 22 ceasefire.

"It is not the solution, we have to finish it," he said, "we Lebanese are not satisfied."

He said the conflict in Lebanon was a class struggle between rich and poor, not a religious dispute between Christians and Moslems.

ing for Frankfurt after a three-day visit.

Mr. Simon confirmed that in addition to a credit of \$ 750 million from the U.S. Federal Reserve System, Italy could count on a credit line of \$ 1,600 million from the support fund—referred to as the "safety net"—established by leading industrial countries following a proposal by Dr. Kissinger.

The Treasury Secretary said he expected the U.S. Congress to ratify the agreement on this scheme during its current session.

through Zairese President Mobutu Sese Seko, the paper's sources said.

French embassy spokesman Renaud Vignal issued a statement repeating French Foreign Minister Jean Sauvagnargues' denial of French arms supplies: "Some arms were given to Angolan factions and I don't know by whom but they were not given by the French government."

British help, described by the New York Times' sources as "modest," was said to consist of communications material given to Jonas Savimbi's UNITA (National Union for Total Angolan Independence).

But the sources said there was no common plan between the U.S. and the European countries.

"Intelligence operatives in the field knew in a general way what each other was doing, and of course, we and the British kept each other informed," the paper quoted a high U.S. official as saying.

A spokesman for the West German embassy said it was not impossible that his government had intervened discreetly during the Angolan civil war.

## Riyadh, Aden to normalize relations

ADEN, March 10 (R). — Saudi Arabia and South Yemen have decided to establish normal relations, it was officially announced here today.

Saudi Arabia had never previously recognised the left-wing government in Aden since South Yemen gained its independence from Britain in 1967.

An official statement broadcast by Aden radio, said that the two countries had decided to establish relations between them on the basis of "Arab brotherhood, good neighbourliness and the principles of non-interference in each other's internal affairs."

## Romania to stop using Israeli pipeline next July

CAIRO, March 10 (R). — Romania has cancelled an agreement with Israel to transport Iranian crude oil through its pipelines, the Arab League's Boycott Office announced today.

Mr. Mohammed Mahgoub, chairman of the office said the Romanian government has officially notified his organisation that the agreement with Israel to transport crude through its pipelines, extending from the Red Sea port of Eilat to Asdod on the Mediterranean, would not be renewed when it expires on July 1.

The Romanian government would instead use the Suez Canal and the new Egyptian pipeline Sumed, extending from Suez to Alexandria, to be completed next December, the note said.



**FORTRESS TAKEN OVER.** — The garrison of Rashaya, S. Lebanon at the foot of Mt. Hermon on the ceasefire line with Israeli and the Syrian horders. The garrison was taken over by mutineers Tuesday. Sign at the door reads "Arab Army"

## W. German hostage drama has hollywood ending

FRANKFURT, West Germany, March 10, (AFP). — A masked gunman was wounded and captured here today when two officials he was holding hostage in the central court building overpowered him after a 29-hour siege.

Police, who had earlier begun to meet one of his demands — for a five million marks (two million dollars) ransom — took him to a hospital with a stomach bullet wound from one of his own pistols.

He was said later to be out of danger.

Hostages Gottfried Schaffrath, 59, and Dieter Hoss, 32, were taken to hospital for a check but were said to be unharmed.

The gunman seized them yesterday during the trial of alleged bullion robber Gerhard Linden.

During the confusion as the gunman burst into the court-

**Spanish workers clash with police**

(Continued from page 1) trial, the prosecutor said they had sought to change Spanish institutions through a Portuguese-type coup and endangered the unity of the armed forces.

As Spanish unrest shifted to the province of Asturias from the nearby Basque country, at least four leaders of clandestine workers commissions were taken into preventive custody early today, labour sources said.

Central Oviedo was almost deserted this morning, but shops and offices were open for business as usual.

Mothers kept their children from school, and the university was closed.

The civil governor of the province issued a statement warning the people against violence and subversive attempts to disrupt public order. The warning was regarded by labour leaders here as giving the police a free hand to crack down on any demonstrations.

Most of the mines in Asturias were shut down a week ago by the authorities, who said the miners had been holding illegal meetings in the pits.

The lock-out affected more than 80 per cent of the province's 25,000 miners, who are demanding higher wages and employment for sacked colleagues.

## Sterling loses value ag Fr. franc also threatens

LONDON, March 10, (R). — Sterling took another battering on foreign exchange markets today, dragging the French franc down with it as the British currency lost three cents against the dollar.

Dealers reported heavy international selling of the franc, which was pinned to its lowest permitted limit against the West German mark for most of the day.

The British pound briefly hit a new record low of 1.9070 dollars in late trading and closed at a dismal 1.9130 dollars.

Financial sources said sterling's plunge has appeared to have shaken the whole structure of exchange rate relationships in Europe.

The most immediate threat is to the European snake, the system under which eight European currencies maintain fixed parity margins among themselves, but float together against the dollar and other currencies.

One dealer said today: "The snake is showing all the signs of bursting apart."

Late selling in London, and in New York as the day's trading got under way, brought more pressure on the French franc when European markets closed and the French and West German central banks stopped support operations.

At this point the franc dropped through its floor in the snake to around 1.7650 against the mark. The lowest permitted trading limit is 1.76425 francs to the mark.

Bankers in London said the Bank of England spent \$ 200 million from its reserves today in an attempt to support sterling—more than it did to halt Monday's particularly steep dive.

Sterling has now lost more than 11 cents or some 5 1/2

per cent of its value a dollar since last when the decline started.

## Smith denies Rhodesia prop

SALISBURY, Mar. — Rhodesian Prime Ian Smith quashed an early agreement on a constitutional issue here to he denied having put proposals in the current negotiations with the African National Council faction Joshua Nkomo.

In replies to questions the Rhodesia Herald, said new ideas had during the current this did not mean a ment had put forward basic proposals.

"I have no hesitating you that I am in any new proposals from government," he Herald.

Mr. Smith said he had the suggestion that would agree to blacks to parliamentary parity with He could not elaborate his answer that it was

In New York, the group at the United Nations called for a Security Council meeting next Tuesday to discuss international armaments following its frontier with Rhodesia. Informed sources the group would ask Security Council meeting that to consider the Angola by South Africa.

In Kampala President In says he will send military and economic aid to Mozambique in re President Samora Machel for help from Africa following the closure border with Rhodesia

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